

BEFORE THE
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Docket No. MC2002-1

AMENDED NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF
PROPOSED PROCEDUAL SCHEDULE

On May 17, 2002, the Postal Service filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule (Schedule) with regards to the establishment of a classification and associated fees for Confirm. During the Pre-hearing conference, held on May 20, 2002, the Presiding Officer recommended modifications to the Schedule that would delay by two weeks the hearing of the Postal Service's direct case and the filing of each participant's case-in-chief. Following the Pre-hearing conference, all parties present agreed to further amend the Schedule to conform to the Presiding Officer's recommended modifications.¹

Consequently, the Postal Service considers that the following amended proposed schedule will provide all parties an opportunity to resolve all issues through the discovery and hearing process and conforms to those modifications made by the Presiding Officer:

May 31, 2002	Completion of discovery on the Postal Service's direct case
June 25-26, 2002	Hearing for cross-examination of the Postal Service's direct case

¹ Present were David B. Popkin and representatives from OCA, POSTCOM, APWU.

July 2, 2002	Filing of the case-in-chief of each participant, including rebuttal to the Postal Service
July 16, 2002	Completion of discovery directed to intervenors and the OCA
July 23 –24, 2002	Evidentiary hearings on the cases-in-chief of intervenors and the OCA
July 30, 2002	Filing of initial briefs
Aug. 6, 2002	Filing of reply briefs

Proceeding on an expedited schedule would require that the deadlines that ordinarily apply be modified. Accordingly, except for good cause shown, the Postal Service proposes special rules be adopted requiring that:

all interrogatory responses shall be due on the tenth day after the questions were served, however, all parties will endeavor to file responses before any scheduled hearing;

all objections to discovery requests shall be due on the seventh day after service of the interrogatories at issue;

notice will be given to file all motions to compel on the fifth day after service of any objections, parties will endeavor to file such motions on the 7th day after service of any objections, and all motions to compel shall be due on the tenth day after service of any objections;

parties will endeavor to file all replies to such motions on the third day after service of the motion and all replies to such motion shall be due on the fifth day after service of the motion.

Should any deadline implied by these special procedures fall on a weekend or holiday, the filing at issue would be due on the first non-holiday weekday.

In view of management's desire to implement the proposed classification by the beginning of fiscal year 2003, the adoption of the above schedule would allow the

Commission adequate time to deliberate and issue a Recommended Decision in advance of the September Postal Service Board of Governor's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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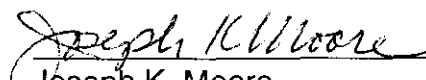
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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